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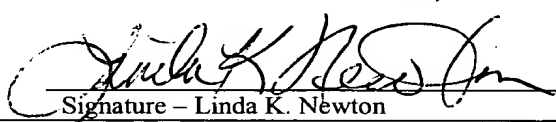
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above identified application are copies of the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Applicants assert that nothing herein is intended to be construed as an admission as to whether a document constitutes prior art against the present application. Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131, 1.132 or otherwise, to establish that the document(s) are not "prior art". Applicants have provided these documents to comply with their duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

French Pat. No. 2,737,106 appears to discuss a fabric used in a surgical procedure.

German Pat. No. 1, 961 33 17 appears to disclose a mesh (see fig. 1), and a braided material (fig 3).

The abstract of PCT WO 98/58598 is in English.

An informal, uncertified translation of PCT WO 02/28312 is enclosed.

This information disclosure statement is being filed prior to a first action on the merits. Thus, no fee is believed due for this submission. If this is in error, please charge the fee for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 501921.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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